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BOOKS

Larson, Arthur. *What We Are For*. New York, Harper, 1959. 173.

Using strong, forceful language that is easy to read, but deeply convincing, Mr. Larson offers new counsel to all Americans regarding the projection of the image of the United States to the rest of the world. He points out that although America has been traditionally a revolutionary country and that we have reached only a precarious midpoint in the most radical, political-economic experiment in centuries, the author shows that the average American and many foreigners feel that we are now against change. In presenting his views on what he terms "Enterprise Democracy," he points out that the areas in which the Soviets have had their greatest successes are in the very areas in which they have to the greatest degree abandoned their own principles and copied ours.

Auphan, Paul & Mordal, Jacques. *The French Navy in World War II*. Annapolis Md., United States Naval Institute, 1959. 413 p.

Both authors of this book were employed at the top level in the Vichy regime of World War II. As might be expected, they have developed a strong defense of that part of the navy which remained under the German occupation and devoted its efforts to preserving what it could of the French Navy and its installations, while at the same time being determined that its ships should not fall into German hands. It tends to be critical of De Gaulle and the Free French Navy and he frankly discusses the deep schisms that have developed between the groups who chose different methods for serving France. Recognizing this background we receive from the book an excellent insight into the spirit of tradition of the French Navy and the code of honor which its officers have traditionally observed.